

## KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber,  
Browfort , Bath Road, Devizes on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 at 2.15 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor J J Kunkler – Chairman

Councillor A Adamson	Councillor C Howard
Councillor K R F Beard	Councillor D Hunter
Councillor J Beinhorn	Councillor A Lake
Councillor G Brewer	Councillor Mrs L Mayes
Councillor P Brown	Councillor S Miles
Councillor D Campbell	Councillor A Molland
Councillor A Connolly	Councillor J Ody
Councillor S Dagger	Councillor R Parsons
Councillor S Dobson	Councillor Mrs N G Rawlins
Councillor Mrs P Dow	Councillor J Seed
Councillor A P J Duck	Councillor Mrs J Triggs
Councillor Mrs S Evans	Councillor B Twigger
Councillor P Evans	Councillor P Veasey
Councillor Mrs S Findlay	Councillor S Wheeler
Councillor Mrs E Fogg	Councillor C Williams
Councillor N Fogg	Councillor D Willmott
Councillor R Gamble	Councillor Mrs P M Winchcombe
Councillor Mrs J M Giles	Councillor A S Wood
Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe	Councillor Mrs S Zweck
Councillor C P G Hoddinott	

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor J D Caldwell  
Councillor L H Grundy  
Councillor C P Humphries

#### **PART 1**

**Items considered whilst the public were entitled to be present**

#### **34. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Nominations were invited for the election of the Chairman of the Council. Councillor Mrs P. M. Winchcombe was nominated and seconded and agreed to stand for election. There were no other nominations.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Councillor Mrs P. M. Winchcombe be elected Chairman of the Council until her successor becomes entitled to act as Chairman.

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe then made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the councillors for their confidence in her.

## **COUNCILLOR MRS P. M. WINCHCOMBE - CHAIRMAN - IN THE CHAIR**

### **35. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Nominations were invited for the election of the Vice-Chairman of the Council. Councillor D. J. Willmott was nominated and seconded and agreed to stand for election. There were no other nominations.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Councillor D. J. Willmott be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until immediately after the election of the chairman at the next annual meeting in 2008.

Councillor D. J. Willmott made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **36. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24th of April 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **37. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

#### 1. Outgoing Chairman

The Chairman thanked the outgoing Chairman for all his efforts on behalf of the Council during the previous year.

#### 2. Chairman's Charity

The Chairman informed the Council that she had not yet chosen a charity but would be doing so in the near future.

#### 3. Civic Service

The Chairman indicated that she would be reviving the Civic Service and arrangements would be announced in due course.

The Deputy Leader of the Council made the following announcement:-

The Deputy Leader of the Council welcomed all new members to the Council and congratulated them on their election.

The Deputy Leader also made reference to the current bid by Wiltshire County Council to set up a unitary authority for the whole of Wiltshire. He urged members to become involved in the campaign against unitary status and to write in person to the Secretary of State in opposition to the move. Support for the District Council should be canvassed right until the end of the consultation period.

The Chief Executive made the following announcement:-

The Chief Executive reminded all new members that they should sign the attendance register in order to confirm their attendance at council and committee meetings.

**37. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs S. M. Findlay and Councillor Mrs J. M. Giles both declared a personal interest in minute number 43 below as they were members of the board of the Sarsen Housing Association.

**38. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Nominations were invited for the election of the Leader of the Council. Councillor L. H. Grundy was nominated and seconded for election. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Councillor L. H. Grundy be elected Leader of the Council to hold office until a successor becomes entitled to act as Leader.

**39. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Nominations were invited for the election of the Deputy Leader of the Council. Councillor D. J. Willmott was nominated and seconded for election. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Councillor D. J. Willmott be elected Deputy Leader of the Council to hold office until a successor is entitled to act as Deputy Leader.

Councillor D. J. Willmott made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Council for their support in electing him Deputy Leader of the Council.

**40. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The Council gave consideration to the appointment of a Selection Committee to meet at 215 on the 22nd of May 2007, a Regulatory Committee to meet at 2:15 p.m. on the 17th of May 2007 and the appointment of five members to a meeting of the Joint Consultative Group on the 31st of May 2007.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT:**

1) the Selection Committee consist of four members from the Conservative Group and one member from the Independent Group.

2) the Regulatory Committee for the 17th of May 2007 consist of twelve Conservative Group members and three Independent Group members.

3) the five members appointed to the Joint Consultative Group for the 31st of May 2007 only be councillors Grundy, Mrs Rawlings, Evans, Campbell and Hoddinott.

**41. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100 B4(b)**

The Chairman indicated that under the provisions of section 100 B 4(b) of The Local Government Act 1972 she intended to take the following item is an urgent item for consideration by the Council.

The Chairman reminded members that any decision made under this provision would not be subject to call in under the overview and scrutiny procedure rules 17.01 of the Council's Constitution.

**42. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100(A)(4)**

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** in accordance with the provisions of section 100 (a) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of schedule 12 a of the Act.

**43. SALE OF PIECE OF LAND AT GRANBY GARDEN CENTRE, LUDGERSHALL**

The Council considered a report from the Director of Community Services proposing the sale of a strip of land in the ownership of the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the recommendation set out in the report at paragraph 8.1 be adopted.

Chairman  
5th of June 2007